

**MEETINGS**

**APRIL 22**  
**JUNE 24**  
**SEPTEMBER 23**  
**NOVEMBER 18**

*MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAYS AT THE S.R. PUBLIC LIBRARY ON APPEBY AVENUE AT 7 P.M..*

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**President's Message**

*by Robert Rafano*

Since I reported to you on the status of the Old School Baptist Church, much renovation has occurred. The Frazee Memorial has been restored and returned to its original site which completed that part of the restoration work.

However, progress on the building renovation has taken a "bit of a detour". The original bids for the entire renovation far exceeded the fund authorized by the New Jersey History Trust and by the Borough of South River.

With a deadline approaching, it was determined to complete the items that could be completed by ordinary contractors. A contract was awarded for the reconstruction of the utility room attached to the rear of the building, for removal of the old roof and installation of a new roof, removal of overlay on the old siding, and the iron bonding of the King Truss.

I am pleased to report that all of this work has been completed, reviewed and approved by the representatives of the New Jersey Historic Trust and the architect.

Currently, there is a request before the Mayor and Council of South River to bid the balance of the renovation work with a projected start date for the renovation in June of 1998. Let's hope this goes well.

In addition to the OSBC project, Earl Wenger and I spent a morning reviewing school items of potential historic importance. We had the opportunity to walk through the old Middle School, Willett School and Campbell School with a school representative. We identified items which would be important to save and include in future exhibits of the South River Historic and Preservation Society.

Communications with the Board of Education and Dr. Ambrogi, the Superintendent of School, are continuing.

**Membership**

*by Woodis Booraem*

The following are new members of the organization:

- Dr. John Ambrogi**
- Thomas Bara**
- Karen Bara**
- Henrietta Brasno**
- Freda Y. Chen**
- JoAnn Devlin**
- James Mackiewicz**
- Julia Melvin**
- Paul Migut**
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- Sandra Zajac**

**In Memoriam**

**Conrad Mark III**  
 Conrad Mark III died in March 1998 at the age of 100. He was the oldest native South River resident, an active member of Corpus Christi Church and a member of the Historic & Preservation Society.

**APRIL 22 MEETING**

Mr. Andy Brasno will speak to the society about George, Richard, and Olive Brasno. Please join us on Wednesday at the SR Library.

**Join Us!**  
**Wednesday, April 22 Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**South River Historic &  
Preservation Society, Inc.  
129 Main Street  
South River, New Jersey 08882**

**Remember...**

**Wednesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. at the SR Library will be the next meeting.**

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